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SUBJECT: NATIONAL ASSEMBLY PRESIDENT SAYS GKR WILL HAVE TO
SURRENDER IN ABSENCE OF ADDITIONAL USG ASSISTANCE

1. PRESIDENT OF NATIONAL ASSEMBLY CALLED ON ME APRIL 8
AT HIS REQUEST. HE SAID THAT KHMERS WISH TO FIGHT ON
AND NOT SURRENDER TO THE COMMUNISTS. UNLESS AMERICAN
CONGRESS VOTES THE SUPPLEMENTAL MILITARY ASSISTANCE, HE
SAID, GKR WILL NOT HAVE THE TIME NOR THE MEANS TO CARRY ON
AND WOULD HAVE TO ABANDON THE STRUGGLE WITHOUT ANY KIND
OF FRAMEWORK FOR THE POST-WAR PERIOD IN PLACE. HE CLEARLY
TRIED TO PLACE BLAME FOR PRESENT MILITARY SITUATION ON
FAILURE OF AMERICAN CONGRESS TO GRANT THESE FUNDS EARLIER
WHEN KHMER MORALE WAS STILL HIGH.

2. I REPLIED THAT WE CONTINUE TO DELIVER RICE, POL AND
AMMO TO GKR ON DAILY BASIS AT RISK TO LIVES OF AMERICAN
PILOTS AND AMERICAN MISSION PERSONNEL WORKING AT AIRPORT
UNDER ROCKET ATTACK. I ALSO STRESSED THAT AMERICANS
HAVE REMAINED IN LARGE NUMBERS IN PHNOM PENH DESPITE
DEPARTURE OF OTHER FOREIGN MISSIONS. AS FOR HOW CONGRESS
WILL VOTE, I POINTED OUT THAT IT WAS DOUBTFUL REQUEST
WOULD COME TO A VOTE BEFORE MIDDLE NEXT WEEK, IF THEN,
AND I COULD NOT PREDICT OUTCOME. I PROMISED TO CONVEY
HIS URGENT PLEA TO WASHINGTON.

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